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ALLAN O. THOMPSON, Manager, St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California, advised that during a conversation with a Caucasian male, whom he refused to identify, certain events were recalled by him concerning JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt. THOMPSON said this unnamed individual inquired about the relationship between JAMES EARL RAY and another Caucasian male of whom he heard GALT call "J.C." THOMPSON said this unnamed individual approached him in an effort to "get a piece of the action" concerning the reward money offered as a result of the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. THOMPSON said that during March, prior to the departure of JAMES EARL RAY, he remembered receiving two, possibly three, long-distance telephone calls for ERIC GALT, while THOMPSON was operating the hotel switchboard. THOMPSON said that when he advised the caller that ERIC GALT had no telephone in his room, the man requested THOMPSON to leave a message for ERIC GALT to call JAMES C. HARDIN collect. This caller also provided the city and operator number. THOMPSON said he relayed this information to ERIC GALT on each occasion. He advised the telephone calls came from both Atlanta and New Orleans.

THOMPSON said that subsequent to these telephone calls, a person who identified himself as JAMES C. HARDIN, came to the St. Francis Hotel shortly after the last of the recalled telephonic contacts. THOMPSON said this individual did not reside at the St. Francis Hotel. He advised that HARDIN may have stayed the night at the St. Francis on an unofficial basis in that he believes he remembers observing HARDIN slip out the side door of the hotel early one morning shortly thereafter.

THOMPSON described HARDIN as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	Caucasian
Age	35 - 40 years
Height	5'7" - 8"
Weight	140 - 150 pounds
Hair	Dark, combed back, cut short
Eyes	Possibly dark

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Build	Slender
Complexion	Dark, slightly acne scared
Characteristics	Perhaps spoke with a slight Southern accent

THOMPSON stated in reference to the telephone calls to ERIC GALT by JAMES C. HARDIN, that they all occurred within a few days of each other. He advised on one occasion, the operator was placing the telephone call for HARDIN. He said that on the other occasions, he believes HARDIN dialed directly.

THOMPSON said the individual who brought HARDIN to his attention does not wish to identify himself. THOMPSON said he believes the reason for this is that the individual is a subject of a local warrant. He said that when he suggested that this individual contact the FBI concerning any knowledge that he may have concerning the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, the individual replied that he could not contact the FBI. THOMPSON was advised that he should recontact this individual and inform him that it is imperative that he be contacted by Bureau Agents. THOMPSON said that he would inform this individual of this request.

THOMPSON was further advised of the importance of this matter and that he must provide this unknown individual's name. He was also informed that it was possible that he would be subpoenaed to provide this information. THOMPSON refused and said that he made a promise to this individual, and he fully intends to keep this promise. THOMPSON said that it would take court action to induce him to identify this individual.